

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a Continuation Application of the non-provisional application "USE OF NERNSTEIN VOLTAGE SENSITIVE DYES IN MEASURING TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL," USSN 10/349,396, by Farinas and Wada, filed January 21, 2003; which is a divisional application of "USE OF NERNSTEIN VOLTAGE SENSITIVE DYES IN MEASURING TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL," USSN 09/684,313, by Farinas and Wada, filed October 6, 2000 and issued as U.S. patent number 6,537,77 on March 25, 2003; which claims priority and benefit of "USE OF NERNSTEIN VOLTAGE SENSITIVE DYES IN MEASURING TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL," USSN 60/158,323, by Farinas and Wada, filed October 8, 1999, and "USE OF NERNSTEIN VOLTAGE SENSITIVE DYES IN MEASURING TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL," USSN 60/168,792, by Farinas and Wada, filed December 2, 1999, and "USE OF NERNSTEIN VOLTAGE SENSITIVE DYES IN MEASURING TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIAL," USSN 60/229,951, by Farinas and Wada, filed September 1, 2000. The present application claims priority to and benefit of each of these prior applications, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, as well as any other applicable statute or rule.